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SUBJECT: CHILEAN DISCRIMINATORY SHIPPING PRACTICES: STATUS
REPORT

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1. WITH RUMORS AFLOAT OF LAST-DITCH EFFORTS BY CHILEAN SHIPPING INTERESTS TO FORESTALL REFORM LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO RESTORE FREE COMPETITION TO SHIPMENT OF CHILEAN EXPORTS (REFTEL), EMBASSY MOUNTED COUNTER-CAMPAIGN. IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION (PROCHILE), WE HAVE SEEN FOREIGN AND TRANSPORT MINISTRIES, CHILEAN NAVY AND OTHER CONCERNED ENTITIES, AND WILL KEEP UP PRESSURE UNTIL NEW LEGISLATION IS PROMULGATED. FINMIN CAUAS IS BEING KEPT INFORMED OF OUR EFFORTS.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, PROCHILE (JORGE FONTAINE, SECRETARY GENERAL) SAYS THAT USG EFFORTS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN TURNING GOC AROUND. ACCORDING TO HIM, ONLY PROCHILE HAD OPPOSED ATTEMPT LAST FALL TO CREATE MONOPOLY FOR CHILEAN SHIPPING INTERESTS. BY ITSELF, PROCHILE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE.

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3. FOREIGN MINISTRY (PIPINO, ACTING FOR LACKINGTON) ADVISES

THAT LEGISLATION HAS CLEARED ALL PROCEDURAL HURDLES, AND NOW
AWAITS PINOCHET'S SIGNATURE. AFTER THAT, IT WILL PASS THROUGH
THE CONTRALORIA FOR FINAL CONSTITUTIONAL/LEGAL REVIEW, AND
THEN TO DIARIO OFFICIAL FOR PROMULGATION.

4. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO, REPEAT NO, REPORTS OF
CONTINUATION OF PRIOR DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, BUT ARE
CONTINUING TO MONITOR.

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